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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OTRS, SOPN, KS, US

SUBJECT: PRESS COVERAGE OF HABIB/BROWN VISIT

1. OUR BEST JUDGMENT, BASED ON DISCUSSIONS WITH
CORRESPONDENTS ALREADY HERE AND ON PHONE CALLS FROM
TOKYO BUREAUS, IS THAT ALMOST ALL MAJOR AMERICAN
MEDIA WILL BE PRESENT IN SEOUL FOR HABIB/BROWN VISIT.
THEY NOW CLEARLY CONSIDER SEOUL MEETINGS A MAJOR NEWS
EVENT. U.S. TVS ARE CONSIDERING SATELLITED COVERAGE. AMONG
OTHER THINGS, THEY HAVE BEGUN ASKING BOTH US AND
ROK MINISTRY OF CULTURE AND INFORMATION WHETHER PHOTO/TV
COVERAGE WILL BE PERMITTED OF HANDSHAKES AND NON-SUB-
STANTIVE PRELIMINARIES OF MEETING(S) WITH PRESIDENT PARK.

2. PRESS APPEARANCE MAY 27 WILL, WE EXPECT, BE FULLY
COVERED BY PRESS, TV, RADIO AND STILL PHOTOGRAPHERS.
SAME WILL UNDOUBTEDLY HOLD TRUE FOR ARRIVAL STATEMENT. LACK
OF SUBSTANTIVE PUBLIC EVENTS IN SCHEDULE MAY LEAD NEWS-STARVED
U.S. PRESS TO SPECULATION ABOUT VISIT FROM WHATEVER SOURCE
THEY CAN GET IT.

3. WE, THEREFORE, SUGGEST THAT UNDER SECRETARY GIVE
SERIOUS CONSIDERATION TO GOING ON BACKGROUND WITH
AMERICAN MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES DURING VISIT. TO DO THIS
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IN SEOUL WILL HAVE EFFECT OF CONCENTRATING MEDIA REPORTS
ON VISIT UNDER A SEOUL DATELINE. WE SHOULD ALSO NOTE THAT
ALTHOUGH WE KNOW OF NO PLANS FOR TOKYO PRESS CONFERENCE,
TO HAVE MAJOR NEWS DEVELOPMENTS COME OUT OF TOKYO WOULD, WE
FEEL, HAVE PROFOUNDLY NEGATIVE EFFECT ON KOREANS.

4. WE ARE ALSO CONCERNED THAT LEAKS MAY OCCUR FROM

JAPANESE SIDE IN TOKYO WHICH COULD APPEAR AS MAJOR NEWS DEVELOPMENTS AND HAVE NEGATIVE EFFECT HERE.

5. WOULD APPRECIATE ASAP ADVANCE TEXT OF HABIB/BROWN ARRIVAL STATEMENT TO PERMIT TRANSLATION AND HANDOUT AT AIRPORT WHEN PARTY ARRIVES AND MEETS PRESS FOR FIRST TIME. EMBASSY TRANSLATION WILL HELP ASSURE ACCURATE QUOTATION IN ROK PRESS.
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